



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Bear River Pines Fuel Reduction Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Sections 9 and 10, T15N, R09E MDB&M	COUNTY	Nevada
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Bear River Pines Fuel Reduction Project is a shaded fuel break that will include thinning from below to remove dead, diseased and suppressed trees. Thinning will be implemented through a combination of the following: mastication, handwork and pile burn, or handwork and chipping on a total of 100 acres. Burning will occur on the handwork acres and piles will be no larger than 8x8. For mechanical and mastication units low impact rubber tracked equipment will be utilized. In addition to the shaded fuel break, approximately one hundred hazard trees have been identified for removal. This work focuses on reducing fire hazard, improving ingress/egress throughout the community and improving forest health.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 14 CCR §
15304 – Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT


Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE – NEU HQ / 13760 Lincoln Way, Auburn CA 95604.

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